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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 1808

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, ES  
SUBJECT: OCCUPATION OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN SAN SALVADOR MAY  
BE WINDING DOWN

REFS: SAN SALVADOR 1754 AND 1771

1. FORCES OF THE BLOQUE POPULAR REVOLUCIONARIO (BPR)  
CONTINUED THROUGH THE WEEKEND TO OCCUPY EMBASSY CHANCERIES  
OF COSTA RICA, PANAMA, SWITZERLAND, AND VENEZUELA.

2. INSTINCTS OF THE THREE OCCUPIED LATIN AMERICAN EMBASSIES  
WITH RESPECT TO ASYLUM MATTERS DICTATED THAT ALL FOUR  
EMBASSIES PROVIDE FOOD AND WATER TO THOSE ON THEIR PREMISES.  
THIS WAS NOT TRUE IN THE CASE OF THE APPROXIMATELY ONE  
HUNDRED PERSONS OCCUPYING THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL.  
THREE PREGNANT WOMEN WERE EVACUATED FROM THE CATHEDRAL,  
BUT THOSE REMAINING ON THE PREMISES THERE FACED AN  
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INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT SITUATION.

3. PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS WENT ON AT THE ARCHIBSHOPRIC  
BETWEEN THE FOUR CHIEFS OF MISSION AND A NEGOTIATING  
COMMISSION OF THE BPR. CHIEFS OF MISSION MADE CLEAR  
AND INSISTED THAT NEITHER THEY NOR THEIR GOVERNMENTS  
COULD INTERVENE IN ESSENTIALLY DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF

EL SALVADOR. BPR NEGOTIATORS DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF RESPONSIVENESS TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM U.S. AUTHORITIES AND SEEMED TO HAVE LITTLE AUTHORITY TO DEVIATE FROM NEGOTIATING PARAMETERS LAID DOWN FOR THEM.

4. NEGOTIATIONS CENTERED INCREASINGLY UPON THE PROBLEM OF DEPARTURE FROM OCCUPIED PREMISES WITHOUT ARREST BY SURROUNDING POLICE AUTHORITIES. THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLE SCALING DOWN FROM EARLIER DEMANDS. CHIEFS OF MISSION WORKED AND REWORKED TEXTS OF A PROPOSED AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD IN A SENSE ENGAGE PRESTIGE OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR GOVERNMENTS VIS-A-VIS GOES TO ASSURE UNMOLESTED DEPARTURE OF OCCUPYING FORCES FROM EMBASSY PREMISES PROVIDED SUCH DEPARTURE WAS FOR PURPOSE OF RETURN TO HOMES RATHER THAN TO NEW PLACE OF DEMONSTRATION.

5. AS NEW WEEK BEGINS, THE FOUR CHIEFS OF MISSION PLAN TO CONSULT WITH GOES TO INSURE THAT ANY SUCH AGREEMENT REACHED WILL BE RESPECTED. EXPECTATION IS THAT THIS WILL BE POSSIBLE, THAT AGREEMENT WILL BE FORMALLY SIGNED ON MONDAY, PUBLISHED IN PRESS TUESDAY, AND THAT EMBASSY PREMISES WILL BE EVACUATED SOMETIME TUESDAY.  
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